

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10-13, 16 and 17 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Patel in the November 9, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,134,137 to Joshi et al. (Joshi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,069,335 to Layman et al. (Layman), further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0084350 to Eibach et al. (Eibach), and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0137693 to Nishio. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 recite, *inter alia*, a storage part that "is holding at least one selectable instruction form associated with a user based on user access rights" and "an input part that inputs the stored user information into the selected instruction form for an authenticated user." Independent claims 11, 12, 16 and 17 recite similar subject matter. Independent claim 13 recites, *inter alia*, "storing user information and information on an instruction form management apparatus holding at least one selectable instruction form associated with a user based on user access rights" and "inputting the stored user information into the selected instruction form for an authenticated user." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 10, line 20 - page 11, line 1 and page 11, lines 17-23.

As discussed during the November 9, 2007 personal interview, the passage of Eibach relied on by the Office Action for disclosing a selectable instruction form merely discloses

web services accessible to a user; however, Eibach fails to teach or suggest at least one selectable instruction form associated with a user based on user access rights. Joshi, Layman and Nishio fail to cure the deficiencies of Eibach.

As discussed during the November 9, 2007 personal interview, Joshi also fails to teach or suggest an input part that inputs the stored user information into the selected instruction form for an authenticated user. Layman, Eibach and Nishio fail to cure the deficiencies of Joshi. Accordingly, the applied references, alone or in any combination, fail to teach the suggest the recited features of claims 1, 10-13, 16 and 17.

For at least these reasons, and as acknowledged during the November 9, 2007 personal interview, independent claims 1, 10-13, 16 and 17 and the claims dependent therefrom, are patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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